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LOK SABHA

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EXPORT AND IMPORT OF SILK
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of different varieties of silk, silk materials and cloths exported and the foreign exchange earned during each of the last three years and thereafter till date, variety-wise;

(b) whether there is no substantial increase in export of silk during the said period;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to boost the export of silk; and

(d) the details regarding the import of silk during each of the last three years and thereafter till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): The details of Silk goods exported and the export earnings during the last three years (2004-05 to 2006-07) are furnished below:

Year	2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
Particulars	Quantity (Kg)	Value Crore Rs.Mn.US$	Quantity (Kg)	Value Crore Rs.Mn.US$	Quantity (Kg)	Value Crore Rs.Mn.US$
I. Silk Goods						
1. Mulberry Silk						
Sarees	693699	365.79 81.41	388576	199.95 45.17	333365	174.19 38.50
Scarves/ Stoles	1282342	166.70 37.10	1334343	184.94 41.78	1074022	226.94 50.15
Dress Material	2437137	1173.47 261.19	2812830	1449.35 327.39	2672008	1510.39 333.79
Ready Made Garments	5744948	746.29 166.10	6131568	842.06 190.21	5498879	817.87 180.74
Carpets (sq. m.)	206701	123.65 27.52	110117	103.36 23.35	164087	132.36 29.25
Others	1248159	158.97 35.38	1319040	189.91 42.89	1028210	238.81 52.78
2. Tasar Silk	544535	70.86 15.77	855315	118.62 26.79	677427	143.21 31.65
3. Mixed/ blended Silk	220184	30.61 6.81	358138	39.10 8.83	205345	34.97 7.73
II. Silk waste	78587	1.29 0.29	1369715	19.90 4.50	1470520	22.78 5.03
III. Silk yarn	#95045	41.93 9.33	397385	47.01 10.62	266557	36.83 8.14
Value (I+II+III)		2879.56 640.90		3194.20 721.53		3338.35 737.76
% Incr/ decr #		3.6 6.0		10.9 12.6		4.5 2.2

#: % of Increase /Decrease over previous years; DGCIS, Kolkata

Export earnings of silk goods during the current year (April to October-2007) as compared to same period of the year 2006-07 is given below.

EXPORT EARNINGS OF SILK GOODS APRIL TO OCTOBER

Item of Exports	2007-2008 (P)		2006-2007		% Increase/Decrease	
#	Crore Rs.	Mn. US$	Crore Rs.	Mn. US$	Crore Rs.	Mn. US$
1 Natural Silk Yarn, Fabrics, Made ups	876.90	215.52	1154.44	251.72	-24.0	-14.4
2 Readymade Garments	681.63	167.52	645.15	140.68	5.7	19.1
3 Silk Carpets	23.46	5.77	64.47	14.06	-63.6	-59.0
4 Silk waste	6.93	1.70	13.37	2.92	-48.2	-41.6
Total	1588.92	390.49	1877.43	409.38	-15.4	-4.6

P: Provisional

(b) Export earnings from silk goods in the last reporting three years showed an increasing trend when compared to the previous years amounting to 3.6 %, 10.9% and 4.5% respectively in Rupee terms. Export earnings data for the current year (Apr-Oct) is provisional and the earnings show a declining trend. It is expected to improve during the remaining period of the CFY (Nov.07 to March-2008).

(c) Steps taken to boost the export of Silk:
The Central Silk Technological Research Institute/Central Silk Board, Bangalore under the Ministry of Textiles has been working in the Silk Handloom/Handicraft sectors in various parts of the country, to improve the competitiveness in domestic and export markets in terms of quality, cost and productivity.
The Sub-Units of the Central Silk Technological Research Institute (Silk Conditioning & Testing House and Demonstration Cum Technical Service Centres) are also providing testing and extension facilities to weavers and traders in important handloom clusters like Kancheepuram, Dharmavaram, Varanasi & Jammu, to help them to become competitive in the Global markets.
The Central Silk Board has also been organizing Exhibitions-Cum-Buyers-Sellers Meet in various Handloom clusters in the country, to help the weavers and artisans to get better returns both in the domestic and International Markets.
The Research Institutes of Central Silk Board have developed improved Silkworm breeds (CSR Breeds) and mulberry varieties (V1) to produce Bivoltine silk of international grade.
Central Silk Board has set up a product design, development and diversification cell to improve the fabric and product designs to enhance export.
Central Silk Board has introduced `Silk Mark` which is a quality label to promote pure silk products both in domestic and international markets.
Improved reeling-cum-twisting machines and spinning wheel developed and popularized by CSB resulted in production of quality non mulberry silk yarn to boost the export.
The Government has also undertaken various export promotion activities for promoting exports in the sector.

The Government is providing assistance to the Indian Silk Export Promotion Council, Mumbai for undertaking various export promotion activities such as participation in international fairs, organizing generic promotion stalls in domestic fairs like Tex Styles India, Publicity in foreign trade magazines, publication of magazine `Silk India` and colour forecast card for domestic silk manufacturers, dissemination of overseas trade information among exporters, etc.

Government has rationalized value addition/Input-output norms specified under the EXIM Policy extended to exporters, the facility of duty free import of raw material under the Advance Licensing Scheme, import of capital goods at concessional rate of duty for export products.

For Technological up-gradation of the industry loan at 5% point less than applicable rate, under the Technological Up-gradation Fund Scheme for the Textiles sector is available inter-alia to the silk sector.

Import duty on silk machinery has been reduced to 10%.

(d) The quantity and value of raw silk imported into the country during last three years and for the period April - October of the current year is given below:

Year	Quantity of Raw Silk Import (M.Ts)	% Increase/ Decrease over the previous Year
2004-05	7,948	-14.1
2005-06	8,383	5.4
2006-07	5,565	-33.6
April to October		
2007-08(P)	4,980	59.9
2006-07	3,114	

P: Provisional (Source: DGCIS, Kolkata)